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Belleville City Council criticizes budget work by Plante Moran

By Rosemary K. Oztman
 Independent Editor

Plante Moran is highly regarded as a financial consultant, but the work it is turning out for the City of Belleville is not detailed enough.

At its July 5 meeting, after a lengthy discussion on the shortfalls of the Plante Moran employee doing the financial work for the city, the Belleville City Council agreed to defer requested budget amendments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 until the next meeting on July 18.

Kelly Howey, the Plante Moran employee doing the financial work for the city, was not present, but she will be advised to attend the July 18 meeting and bring a complete line item review and more complete amendments.

The amendments had been on the agenda of the June 20 council meeting, but they were tabled because Howey and her supervisor were both on vacation and the council needed a full accounting of revenues for the discussion.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said on June 30 she had a "major conversation" with Howey on ways the handling of the budget needed to improve.

"The answers I'm getting are that there are always adjustments at the end of the year, always allocation changes, changes to FICA," City Manager Kollmeyer said.

Because the amendments were not approved by the end of the fiscal year, "This will be a footnote in our audit," Kollmeyer said.

"I'm not comfortable with voting on this and I'm not comfortable with letting it set by the wayside," Mayor Kerreen Conley said. "I want to see amended line items."

"I told them this is not acceptable," Kollmeyer said.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said the city charter specifically states that the council will be presented with quarterly reports,

which it is not getting.

"The issues have been rectified," Kollmeyer said. "Last Thursday. All the issues have been addressed. We will get charter reports..."

Councilwoman Tindall said she got into a habit of getting amendments as they happened, not all at the end of the year.

"We should get amendments as they

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VBT Planners ask developer to put in sidewalk on MDOT site

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There was a lot of discussion at the June 22 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission over the final site plan for the new drive-through restaurant, filling station and convenience store planned for the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Denton Road.

The final site plan was finally approved, but it wasn't easy.

The actual corner has a small piece of property owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and the township's planning consultant wanted the developer to build his sidewalk along Michigan Avenue on the MDOT property.

The sidewalk originally had been along Michigan Avenue, but after comments from Wayne County, the developer relocated it east onto the Willow Creek parcel and about 65 feet from the public right of way.

"We have a problem putting the sidewalks through that [MDOT property]," said Tom Demond of Boss Engineering, spokesman for the developer, Denton Partners, LLC. "We feel it's not our property. Requiring someone to do upgrades to someone else's property isn't legal. We ask the township to

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

On Monday morning, flagmen were out for the first time to help with traffic on the Wayne County project to resurface W. Columbia Avenue/W. Huron River Drive. The westbound lane has been closed to traffic since June 20 while crews grind down the old surface and repair what's under there to prepare for new asphalt on top. Residents recently received a letter from the county saying the work is expected to be done in late September or early October.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Welcoming visitors to the Belleville Area District Library's 10th Garden Walk on Sunday were, from left, Linda and Randy Priest and Rick and Mary Jane Dawson. A large crowd of visitors walked up and down the grassy alley and accessed gardens along the way and across the streets at both ends of the alley. Visitors also were given an update on plans for a proposed new library. Two hundred and 30 tickets were sold – the most ever – and \$4,547 was raised for the library.

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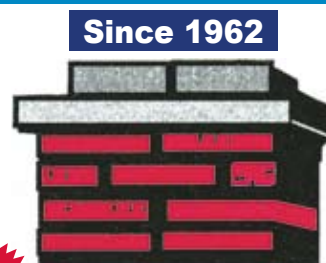
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VBT Fire Department upgraded to offer Basic Life Support services

On July 12 the Van Buren Public Safety Department was notified by the State of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services that it had approved the fire department's request to upgrade its Life Support Agency License.

As of July 12 the department has upgraded its Duty Crew vehicles from Medical First Response to Basic Life Support (BLS) Non-Transport. The fire department received its primary approval from its local medical control authority – Health Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (HEMS) – which oversees the emergency medical services for more than 60 agencies, including fire departments, private ambulance companies, air helicopter services, and hospitals that cover portions of Wayne, Oakland, and Washtenaw Counties.

After the local medical control authority signed off on the upgrade the fire department faced a thorough half-day state inspection where they reviewed the department's policies and procedures, individual certification and training records of its personnel, equipment placement, mutual aid agreements, and Department of Transportation inspection records.

All four basic life support rigs – Squad 1, Squad 2, Engine 1, and Engine 2 – will have direct radio communication capabilities with HEMS and the medical control hospital – Beaumont Wayne – in the event they need to speak with an emergency medical doctor while at the patient's side.

"Those needing medical attention in Van Buren Township may not notice much of a change because the trucks and the firefighters responding to their medical emergencies will look the same as before and we will continue our excellent partnership with Huron Valley Ambulance for Advanced Life Support transport and care," said Deputy Director of Public Safety – Fire Services Dan Besson.

"However what this upgrade allows our firefighters that are licensed as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) or Paramedics to do, when arriving before an ambulance, is to assess a patient's blood sugar level and administer oral glucose to help temporarily reverse that, if applicable.

"Before the upgrade we were limited in how we could access a patient's blood sugar and, in the case of low blood sugar, what we could do to try and reverse it. A patient with low blood sugar can have lots of different symptoms including blurry vision, rapid heart rate, headaches, shaking, sweating, trouble thinking or speaking clearly, and sudden mood changes and we would arrive at the scene and not be able to be of much help because we couldn't rule nor rule out low blood sugar."

The Basic Life Support rigs will also now carry epinephrine in a self-injector to reverse the effects of a severe life-threatening allergic reaction and advanced airway adjuncts to secure the airway when faced with a cardiac

arrest situation. The BLS rigs will continue to carry Narcan™, used in the cases of suspected opiate drug overdoses, as they did as medical first response vehicles, he said.

"This has been a goal of ours for a long-time, but first we had to make sure we have enough EMTs and Paramedics eligible to work the Duty Crew to make the scheduling requirements work. Three-quarters of our department staff are licensed to the EMT or above and we are excited to be able to offer a better service to the community.

"The representatives of the firefighters association have been great to work with on this project," Besson said. "It is important to have them on board because those are the ones that will be providing the service to the community. We planned for the upgrade to take place this year so the equipment, licensing fees, and training impacts were already budgeted for."

The new license runs until June of 2017 and the fire department will have to continue to meet the scheduling, training, and reporting requirements of HEMS and the state of Michigan annually. Besson said the department plans to add devices to provide continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) capabilities for the emergency management of Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) in September, pending approval by the medical control authority.

Belleville FD waiting for final inspection to get Basic Life Support OK

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The City of Belleville Fire Department also has been working to get the Basic Life Support – Non-Transport designation for more than a year and now needs only the final inspection by the state.

It was delayed by the city council's refusal to consider approval, claiming it was a union issue. Once the union contract was settled this spring, the fire department submitted all the paperwork to the county and state.

The department has all the necessary equipment mounted in its vehicles, except the epi pens which will be arriving shortly, said union president Lt. Brian Blackburn.

"We are waiting for the state inspection," Blackburn said. "VBT had its inspection last Thursday. Once that inspection is done and we have the license in hand, we will go BLS, as well. Our guess is by the end of the month."

Blackburn said once a department gets a hard copy of its official license on file and posted, it can go BLS.

Blackburn said Firefighter Matthew Loveland has been leading the department's BLS upgrade and he has done a great job.



Photo by Robin Lieb, Once Upon a Memory

Retirees from the Van Buren Public Schools for the 2015-16 school year were honored at Recognition Night on June 6. From left are Dawn Bumbul, Joyce White, Maria Todd, Michelle Gurney, Teresa Kuehnel, and Lori Diacono. (Not pictured are Nancy Gravel, Mark Gregor, Jim Nelson, and Earl Young.)

Court Watching:

Judge Oakley binds over Anna McKenzie for assault with frying pan

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley found probable cause to bind Anna Crystal McKenzie, 18, over to circuit court to face charges of assault with a dangerous weapon (frying pan) and aggravated domestic violence.

Her preliminary exam was held June 29 and two witnesses testified: the alleged victim and her sister.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Hillary Brooke Zuzow questioned Daijane Cooper, the alleged victim.

Cooper testified that on June 5 her home was an apartment at 41500 N. Bellridge in Van Buren Township. She said about three days earlier she had told her roommate, Anna McKenzie, that she didn't want to stay there anymore.

Cooper testified she worked until 9 p.m. that day and got home about 9:20. She said when she arrived, she found her life-size, stuffed bear was ripped and McKenzie had ripped it.

"I tried to get my stuff to take to the car," Cooper testified, adding McKenzie kept yelling out to her, "I hope you die, die..."

Cooper said McKenzie had organized the closet so that their clothes were separated into two sections. McKenzie had some of Cooper's clothes on her side of the closet, so she took them. McKenzie said Cooper was taking some of her clothes.

Cooper testified McKenzie's two-year-old son was talking to her in the kitchen and McKenzie came and got him and put him on the couch. Then McKenzie went into the kitchen, got a skillet, and hit Cooper in the right side of her face as Cooper stood in the bathroom.

"I fell on the sink and hit my head," Cooper testified, adding, "I don't recall too much." She said she was in the hospital for three weeks and suffers from a loss of memory. She said she is in treatment three days a week.

McKenzie's court-appointed attorney Wade McCann cross-examined Cooper and asked her about VBT Officer Patrick Wehrman calling her at 2:30 p.m. that day saying McKenzie called police because Cooper threatened to beat her up, or have people come over and beat her up. Officer Wehrman told her to call police for a civil standby when she was ready to come back for her things, but she didn't, McCann said.

Cooper said her big brother was with her and her sister was already there packing up her things. And, she brought her older sister and another sister because she was packing up all her belongings.

She said things were calm when they began and then a dispute arose because McKenzie thought the clothes Cooper was taking were hers.

"She pushed me," Cooper testified.

Attorney McCann asked if she threw McKenzie to the floor and Cooper said she didn't.

Cooper testified that she bought McKenzie's phone and gave it to her to use. McCann asked if she was dipping the phone in the toilet and she said she wasn't and she was alone in the bathroom.

McCann asked if McKenzie was wedging the frying pan in the door so Cooper couldn't close it and Cooper said that wasn't so.

McCann asked if Cooper was pounding McKenzie's head onto the floor and into her son?

"I don't recall hitting her," Cooper

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Make education better here? Run for school board

The deadline to run for a seat on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in the Nov. 8 election is July 26. This is an extremely important election for this community.

You've seen all the problems the Van Buren Schools have had under former School Supt. Mike Van Tassel and the present school board. All the tears, all the disruption of lives, all the scared kids.

Four members of the present board that brought you all that furor have terms that are expiring. That's a board majority. Those who get elected in November could ensure the new board makes its decisions for the good of the students, staff, and taxpayers.

The League of Women Voters has been asked to do another candidates' forum, this time for those running for the school board. It is in the process of being scheduled and probably will be in late August or early September so it will be done in time for absentee ballot voters to use the information in their decisions.

Those who care about their children's education are needed. Those who care about all the children and our community's future are needed. Those who look like our school population are needed.

It's a four-year commitment, with little pay, and there's lots of hard work, if you do it right. But, it will be worth the effort.

There's a new superintendent, but he needs a new board to work with him.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At the June 30 special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education there were two people in the audience and board president Brent Mikulski asked if there were any questions from the audience. I asked about the big cameras at every regular meeting that seemed to be recording the meetings, but we never saw the meetings on cable. If they were just pretending to record the meetings, why don't they just stop since we never see the meetings.

Pete Kudlak, whose contract as new school superintendent was to begin a few hours later, said to me, "I'll check into it and get back to you." And, he did.

At 7:22 a.m. on July 6 he emailed me: "I have found out the answer to your question. Brian said that he has been having login issues with Channel 19 and wasn't able to get the Board meetings to be played. Apparently, the issue is resolved and he can now get the meetings on Channel 19. He finished formatting the last meeting and it should be up soon."

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain called last Thursday to report on what he found out about the incident reported by a letter writer in last week's paper – about the Walmart shopping cart.

He said he checked with the Red Roof Inn to see if they were having a problem with shopping carts around their business and they said they weren't.

He said elderly people often stay at the Red Roof Inn for extended visits and they have no cars and walk to Walmart to shop for food, use the carts to bring it to Red Roof, and then leave them there. An employee of



Red Roof takes them back to Walmart. No problem.

Greg said some people just don't like police officers and jump to conclusions and criticize them unjustly. He said the writer was accusing the officer of sleeping in the car instead of working.

When I checked back with the writer, he explained the guy on the brand-new bike with the stickers still on it was speeding fast through the parking lot and each of the two bags in the cart behind him had contents smaller than a loaf of bread. He said it was obvious the guy didn't need a cart to carry the bags.

I've been told Mr. K's has been torn down. The bar/restaurant at the corner of Belleville and Ecorse roads, had been vacant and boarded up for some time. It's a good location for a business at that corner and something interesting should go up there in the future.

Also, I've been told, the old, boarded-up bank on Haggerty Road at Independence Drive is going to be made into a Mexican restaurant. No more information on that, so we'll have to wait and watch.

On July 5, there was an accident at the corner of Bemis and Savage/Haggerty roads in Sumpter Township. The emergency siren got wiped out and it's going to take up to two weeks to get it replaced, according to a message from Sumpter Police Chief Eric

Luke.

The siren covers the northeastern part of Sumpter Township. There are 13 other sirens, but residents of that area won't be able to hear the other ones in case of an emergency, Chief Luke warned. The nearest other siren is at Martinsville and Willis roads.

Also, Van Buren Township's emergency sirens weren't tested on the first Saturday in July as is the practice because there was a malfunction.

Lt. Louis Keele sent us a message that the malfunction has been fixed and now they are set to go for any emergency.

Last week one of Tom White's victims called to say he got a letter from White again apologizing and promising to pay people back from the proceeds of his book that will be coming out.

As you may recall, White is serving time in prison for bilking so many Belleville people out of their hard-earned money. He was an attorney with an office on Main Street for more than 20 years.

Currently, he is serving time at the Michigan Department of Corrections Central Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis, Gratiot County. His earliest release date is April 8, 2020 which keeps changing since he is being such a good boy in prison.



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Letters

VB T Police officers proud to protect, serve

To Our Van Buren Township Residents:

I want to take the time in this letter to thank our Van Buren Township Residents for their continuous support of our public safety department. As always, our police officers, firefighters, and dispatchers are proud to serve you on a daily basis.

Over the last week we have witnessed acts of violence against civilians and police officers. I am hurt and saddened about these incidents.

As you know our job as peace officers is very hard and tragedies like those faced in Dallas make it more difficult as we suit up each day for work. Despite all that has happened we will continue to go to work each day, ready to respond to all calls and continue to do our jobs to the highest standard that we can perform at.

We realize that anywhere violence can happen, however; our public safety department values the relationship we continuously build with our community every day. Our connection with our residents has always allowed us to get through any situation and that is a value that makes Van Buren Township a great place to work, live, and play. The words and acts of kindness in support of law enforcement by our residents the past few days has not been unnoticed and is deeply appreciated.

On behalf of the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, we want you to know that even during the hardest times nationally, you are appreciated, and we are proud to protect and serve.

Sincerely,
 Greg Laurain
 Public Safety Director
 Van Buren Township

I should be able to grow my cattails in VBT

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a self-explanatory letter to the Van Buren police department. I have yet to receive a reply. I have gone to the police department and was told I could sue the police department or contact the Lieutenant for resolution. I get no response to my emails to the supervising Lieutenant so I wish to inform the public of my dissatisfaction with this agency.

Lieutenant Bazy,
 Re: 83 112 02 0008 000

For five years I have been requesting Wayne County to unplug the culvert

under Roulo Road and Hull Road. Water from all the neighbors just stops in my ditch there.

Getting no response, I try to make the best of it. I keep over 250 feet of ditch trimmed nicely and at the 10-foot area where the water backs up I have had cattails for over five years, as did my mother-in-law many years before with never a complaint. In fact, if the County did their job and cleaned out the plugged culvert I could not grow cattails.

As a Delta Airline pilot, I often leave the country for a week at a time. During my absence over the week of June 10 I apparently got a "Warning" to clean my ditch area of grass or weeds. By the time I returned six days later to read the notice on my door, the cattails had been cut down and I was sent a \$65 fee along with \$100 administration cost. These cattails looked nice and all grass and weeds were trimmed away with every mowing.

To be technical, the ordinance reads all, "grass and noxious weeds." By definition cattails are neither of these.

This fee and administration fee should be rescinded and until the law reads to include cattails or until I am warned by some other ordinance concerning ditches I should be allowed to grow my cattails.

Sincerely,
 Paul R. DeBusschere
 45948 Hull Road
 Van Buren Township

I finally got hold of Lt Bazy. He agreed to drop the \$100 administration fee but not the maintenance fee. He said if I am not happy to go before a judge. When I told him three other people on my block raised cattails in their ditch he told me that some people get away with speeding 80 mph on I-94 and some get caught. I pointed out cattails are not defined as noxious weed nor grass as defined by governing act 359 of Michigan but he said the act stated noxious weeds were also whatever the, "Governing Body" stated. The Act does state that but when I asked if police were now the governing body, he said they were. Talk about a police state.

Editor's Note: The writer did talk to Lt. Bazy and the \$100 administration fee was waived, but the \$65 fee for cutting down his cattails stayed. Lt. Bazy said the cattails were blocking the sight of drivers at a corner and creating a hazard.

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 July 19 – Shae Millard
 July 21 – Lisa Tyrrell
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HVCA sets hunter safety field day July 31, sign up July 16 & get ready

The Huron Valley Conservation Association will be conducting a hunter safety field day on Sunday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning at the Romulus VFW and concluding at the Wayne County Raccoon Hunters Club in Romulus.

Students are required to pre-register at the Romulus VFW, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., on Saturday, July 16, between 12-3 p.m. (this is a new date) and complete an online hunter safety course before participating in the field day.

Class size is limited to 24 students. There is no cost to participate in the field day and lunch will be provided; however, there is a cost of approximately \$25 for the online course, for which funding may be available from the Huron Valley Conservation Association.

Online course options can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363_39267---00.html.

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Obituaries



Roy Arthur Sisco

ROY A. SISCO

(March 18, 1947 - July 11, 2016)

Roy Arthur "Smoochie" Sisco, age 69, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Monday, July 11, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, after a brief illness. He was born March 18, 1947, in Oxford, Mississippi, son of Jessie Houston & Lucile (Hayes) Sisco.

Mr. Sisco was the owner and operator of Roy's Trucking for over ten years. He was a member of Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland, MI. He was affectionately called the Dog Father, because he loved his rescue dogs like children.

Smoochie is survived by his wife of 24 years, Kelli Beth Long-Sisco; three children Roy Hugh Sisco, Jessica Lynn Henning of Belleville, MI and Emelio "Mo" Caruso of Dearborn Heights, MI; beloved daughter-in-law Beth Ann; four siblings; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends; also his beloved fur babies: Pretty, Buster, Koda and Lizzie. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Edna Sisco at birth, also seven siblings.

Roy's wish was to be cremated. His family has planned a celebration of life memorial on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Community Free Will Baptist Church, Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue or Havanese Rescue, Michigan Chapter, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Wilda Kathleen Jones

WILDA K. JONES

(February 5, 1929 – July 7, 2016)

Wilda Kathleen Jones, age 87, of Van Buren Township, MI, formerly of Mulberry, Florida, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born February 5, 1929 in Fairfield County, Ohio, daughter of Lester Paul & Clara Ann (Hardwick) Schumaker.

Mrs. Jones was a huge Detroit Tiger fan. She enjoyed watching western movies, playing Bingo and going to Cracker Barrel. Most of all, she loved calling friends and family on the phone. She is survived by four children, Leland Meryl (Sherry) Jones of Ypsilanti, MI, Kimberley Kay (Ed) Schuckel of Belleville, MI, Kevin Jay (Natalie) Jones of Lincoln Park, MI and Paulette Sue (Greg) Cook of Garden City, MI; 18 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Wilda was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bobby Lee Jones, two sons Gregory Lee Jones and Jeffrey Lynn Jones, grandson Paul Michael Jones, four brothers Lowell, Merle, Neil and Jerry Ron Schumaker, also two sisters June and Aletha.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Sunday, July 10, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began 11:00 AM Monday, July 11, 2016 at the funeral home with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Visitation was 10-11 AM Monday. Interment followed in Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and would be appreciated. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

League of Women Voters announces candidate forum tapes are on line

The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County announce that the tape recordings of the recent candidate forums in Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township are now on line.

They are on the League's website: LWVnorthwestwayne.org (in the "Calendar" section). Also, the League's print voter guides were delivered to the Belleville Area District Library last week.

The League also has election information at VOTE411.org. All the circuit court candidates are there, along with everything else that will be on the Aug. 2 ballot.

Paula Bowman of the League said the Belleville-area League membership has asked for a forum for the Van Buren Public School Board of Education candidates and the scheduling for that is under way and will be announced when finalized.

The filing deadline for school board candidates is July 26.



Teresa D. Argo

TERESA D. ARGO

(July 7, 1968 – June 11, 2016)

Teresa D. Argo of Belleville died June 11, 2016. She loved baseball, bingo, her animals, and fishing. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survived by brother William (Christine) Argo and Bill Argo, Mark (Dawn) Argo, Ginny Medeiros, Caritas (Tony) Burse, and several nieces and nephews. A memorial softball game is set from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at Graham Park in Sumpter Township.

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Obituaries



Benjamin Ray Haynes



BENJAMIN RAY HAYNES

(January 21, 1936 - July 9, 2016)

Benjamin Ray Haynes, age 80, a longtime resident of Belleville and a proud US Navy veteran. Benjamin is the loving husband of Joan for 49 wonderful years; dear father of Martee "Annette" (David) Howard of Cocoa Beach, FL, Beverly (Ron) Gilbert of Riverside, CA and Phillip (Julie) Haynes of Woodhaven; and proud grandfather of Alexander, Hunter, Christian, Ryan, Sara and Sidney.

Born on January 21, 1936 in Moscow, Idaho, The Haynes family moved to multiple states until settling in Belleville. A member of the Washtenaw Sportsmen Club, he was very active in archery and muzzle loading. He enjoyed holding a state record for archery in the senior division. Hunting, fishing, flying, and following college football were also loves. Mostly, he enjoyed time with his family.

A funeral service with military honors, has been arranged for 11 AM, Saturday, July 16, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734)697-4500. Visiting hours will be held from 4 until 8 PM Friday.

Spiritual Israel Church sets auction

Spiritual Israel Church, 22971 Martinsville Road in Sumpter Township, will hold an auction of unique treasures on Saturday, July 30, to raise money for the church.

Viewing will be from noon to 1 p.m. and the auction will run from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Rev. James Latham said they plan to have the auction every other Saturday and add a flea market in the future so members of the community can participate.

Rev. Latham said there will be authenticated "ancient treasures" and smaller items on sale so everyone will be able to afford to go home with something.

For more information, call Rev. Latham at (313) 766-5705.

More Letters

We can survive a few weeks of construction

To the Editor:

Everyone wants our roads repaired, but become so ready to jump at the chance to complain about the construction and help from our neighboring police department to help keep us safe from accidents at construction time.

That's what our neighbors do during need! I know Belleville P.D. would step in to help Van Buren and not give a thought to the little revenue they would give up to help others. That's called teamwork from departments to pull together to get the job done.

In the end we will all enjoy the new roads and forget any inconvenience a few weeks of construction has caused.

I'm grateful to have new roads.

Be positive.

Dawn Springer

Harbour Pointe sub resident

City of Belleville

Vote NO: Only so much juice in an orange

To the Editor:

Citizens, let's talk about the upcoming election, especially the millages.

1. Parks Millage continuation – 25 cents each \$1,000 taxable value.

2. Wayne County Zoological – 10 cents per \$1,000 taxable value.

3. Police Protection (Sumpter only) -- \$1 per \$1,000 taxable value.

4. Police Protection (Sumpter only) -- \$2 per \$1,000 taxable value.

5. Fire Protection (Sumpter only) -- \$1 per \$1,000 taxable value.

Anticipate the library millage this fall.

They are calling them renewal, but they were supposed to expire, not extend. Remember your tax assessment this winter. They hardly ever decrease.

Seniors, let's stop voting ourselves tax increases. When is the last time you've had a raise?

Sumpter Township residents should thank the seniors for monies from the CDBG to buy a generator for the township. (Goodbye grass cutting/snow removal grant.)

In my opinion, seniors should be given special consideration on property tax assessment and millages. After all, they have made it 80 years, plus. Their income is down; their health and medical bills are up.

There is only so much juice in an orange. Vote NO on all millages.

Syd Stewart

Sumpter Township

Thanks to anonymous gentleman at Johnny's

To the Editor:

Four friends and I got together to spend an enjoyable time in Belleville and ended the day by having dinner at Johnny's, a downtown Belleville restaurant. An

anonymous gentleman paid for our meals and we want to thank him for his kindness and generosity.

Time goes by all too quickly – and we don't want to forget to recognize and express gratitude for all the people that make a big difference in our life, not only for people like the anonymous person who paid for our meals, but also for our family, friends, police officers, doctor, mail person, the person who delivers the newspaper, etc.

It does make a difference in someone's day by saying, "Thank You." Saying "thanks" is always a good thing! Too few of us do it.

Van Buren Township resident

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Progressive League sets community-wide sale

To the Editor:

The Sumpter Progressive Civic League is sponsoring a community-wide yard sale on July 16 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at 24101 Sumpter Road. Anyone interested in renting a space for a donation of \$10 to \$15, contact Karithea Hanible at (734) 461-1767. We will also be selling hot dogs, chips, pop, and water. All items will be available in in our parking lot and grounds.

Karithea Murry Hanible, president
Sumpter Progressive Civic League

Editor's Note: The Progressive Civic League reports its building is being torn down, but the group is staying active. This sale is to earn money for a back-to-school event for local children.

Heavy trucks tear up Bemis, Savage, Haggerty

To the Editor:

I called Wayne County Road Commission to ask about heavy trucks running down Haggerty and Savage roads loaded to Bemis Road and was told there are weight restrictions on all roads and that Bemis is a Class "B" road.

These gravel trains tore up Rawsonville Road, now they're doing the same to Bemis and two weeks ago a Corrigan Oil seven-axle tanker came down Haggerty to Bemis. Now, if that truck, which carries 20,000 gallons, breaks the culvert on that "S" curve by Riggs Road there could be a spill all the way to Lake Erie via the Huron River. Chances are the gravel trains are over loaded.

We were talking in a restaurant one night and someone overheard our conversation. We were told, "Mind your own business. We run the shortest way we want to!" Name withheld by request
Sumpter Township

Museum holding garage sale fund raiser, antiques appraisal on July 14

Today, July 14, the Belleville Area Museum is holding a garage sale fund raiser from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the old firehouse behind the museum. From 3 to 6:30 p.m. on July 14 the museum is sponsoring an Antiques Appraisal Day inside the museum.

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- **Thursday, July 14** – Yard Sale, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Antiques Appraisal Day, 3-7 p.m., all at the Belleville Area Museum.
- **Thursday, July 14** – Bugs Bedow & the Good Stuff (rock and soul) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.
- **Friday, July 15** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 9:09 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Tonight is Outreach Bar-B-Q, brats, dogs, drinks. Featuring: "Miracles from Heaven." Questions: (734) 482-5074. www.friendsfamilytheater.com
- **Sunday, July 17** – 3 J's performs from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, July 18** – The Belleville Area Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 617 Charles Street in Belleville, to hear Tyson Gersh of the Michigan Urban Farming Initiative based in Detroit. Crain's recently named him a "Person to Watch." Visitors are welcome to attend and hear the club's speakers for \$3.

• **Thursday, July 21** – Brother Crowe (Irish/Indie band) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Thursday, July 21** – At 7 p.m., the Belleville Area District Library hosts Doc Fletcher, Michigan author and outdoor enthusiast who has been featured on PBS. He will share stories and photographs from his latest book, "Canoeing and Kayaking Michigan College Campuses." Book signing and raffle for free canoe/kayak day trip.

• **Friday, July 22** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's D'Tour, R&B/Motown.

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City Council

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happen," Kollmeyer agreed.

"That's what we're paying them for," said Mike Renaud from the audience.

There were 12 amendments requested, but scant information on why these changes were needed.

"It seems we had \$19,400 worth of overages and miraculously we got \$20,000 in state shared revenue," Mayor Conley said.

"I don't know why we're paying them for their expertise," Renaud said.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said that his department's fine from MIOSHA could have been cut by an appeal, but there was no appeal.

Kollmeyer agreed it needed to be paid within 15 days or get a penalty.

Chief Loranger said, "I spent \$6,000 on something I didn't need." He said the first MIOSHA report said he needed something and then another official came in and said, "Oh, you don't need that."

"I copied a pile of papers and sent it to them," Kollmeyer said of MIOSHA. "And, then they said we didn't respond, so I did it again."

Renaud asked if the Downtown Development Authority budget had been submitted yet and he was told it hadn't.

Mayor Conley, who sits on the DDA, said the DDA needs information from quotes that aren't in yet.

"They would like to see it on their July 20 agenda, but I don't think it will be ready," Conley said. She said the DDA has questions on whether it should pay the city all it does.

"They want more details," Kollmeyer said. "They want to know exactly what they are paying for, what the DPW is doing."

"It's a work in progress," Conley said. "... We are working at it, I assure you."

In other business at the July 5 meeting, the council:

- Approved naming Police Chief Hal Berriman as acting city manager when the city manager is not available. That charter-

required position was held by City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long, but she has retired;

- Approved the 21st-annual Bridge Walk from Doane's Landing at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, in conjunction with the Central Business Community's Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park;


- Approved the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan amendment for new hires of police officers and DPW/clerical employees. This is a defined-benefit plan for much-reduced pensions at much-reduced rates and is inside the POAM and GELC labor agreements;

- Approved Accounts Payable of \$47,072.01 and departmental expenditures in excess of \$500: to Action Training Systems, \$2,250 for software from General/Fire budget; to BMI Collision, \$2,461.23 for vehicle repair, Police (paid for by insurance, except for the \$250 deductible); to Cadillac Asphalt, \$541 for street repair, Water/Sewer; to Digicom Global, \$16,500 for emergency radios, Capital/Fire budget; to ES&S, \$2,249.80 for elections coding, General/Elections; to Fuller Appraisal, \$3,062.50 for appraisal work, from General fund; to R&R Truck Repair, \$1,797.19 for Engine 461, General/Fire; to SLC Meter, \$1,108.88 for water meters, Water/Sewer;

- Learned Councilman Fielder had taken the proposed Special Events Ordinance Up North with him to study and will come back with a recommendation. The review of the ordinance was requested by the council on Aug. 5, 2014 and a committee assigned;

- Heard Mayor Conley say a proposal for a special assessment district for upgrades to city streets will be brought to an upcoming meeting and the council will have to decide on bonding or a SAD. There will be another public meeting on the subject, she said. The council requested a city street evaluation on Dec. 15, 2014, an assessment was done, and a public meeting held June 15; and

- Heard Jeff Vernon ask about having no functioning water fountains in the parks during very hot weather. DPW Chief/Building Official Rick Rutherford said it is an ongoing battle with vandals. He said they fix the damaged fountains and they don't last a week's time before being vandalized again. "So many people from out of the city come and we have a very hard time keeping them working. We just had a plumber in to fix the sink in the women's bathroom at Victory Park," he said. Vernon also complained about broken-up, worn-out signs by the candy shop on South Street and city trucks blocking sidewalks.



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answered.

McCann entered into evidence three pictures of injuries. One to McKenzie's eye, one to a rug burn on her back and the third of the two-year-old son's torn fingernail.

"I don't know how she got injuries," Cooper testified, saying the boy's fingernail was torn two days before the fight.

Prosecutor Zuzow said the witness has a closed-head injury and has testified that she doesn't recall the altercation and doesn't recall hitting McKenzie.

McCann said Cooper has testified that she remembers everything before she got hit in the face with the frying pan and not much afterward, but she testified they did not have a fight.

Cooper's sister Cherniece Doss was the next witness and she said she went to the apartment at 1 p.m. that day to help her sister pack up. She said McKenzie was angry and grabbed bleach to pour over Cooper's clothes and Doss grabbed the bleach and poured it down the drain. That's when McKenzie grabbed a knife and stabbed Cooper's bear, Doss said.

"I grabbed the clothes and she called the police," the sister said, noting the police couldn't do anything.

She said after Cooper arrived, McKenzie hit her first, in the bedroom and then the fighting continued into the living room. That's when McKenzie got the frying pan and hit Cooper on the side of the face, Doss testified.

Doss said Cooper was in and out of consciousness and couldn't breathe. The ambulance came and she stayed with Cooper in the ambulance.

Under cross-examination, defense attorney McCann said that Cooper and McKenzie had words over the phone in the afternoon and that's when McKenzie called the police, around 2:30 p.m.

Doss testified she actually didn't exactly see who hit first. She said Cooper picked up the phone to take it back and McKenzie wanted to call the police and so she tried to get the phone back. She testified there was a lot of fighting and both were striking each other and the TV fell over. Cooper put the phone under running water from the faucet, Doss said.

Doss testified McKenzie didn't use the frying pan for a wedge in the door and the door wasn't closed. She said they didn't fight while the child was there. Doss testified there was fighting with punches again after the frying pan incident.

"Did your sister have a weapon?" Prosecutor Zuzow asked her and Doss replied Cooper had no weapon. Zuzow asked if Cooper threatened McKenzie and the sister said no. Zuzow noted Cooper only had the phone she had purchased.

Zuzow asked Judge Oakley to bind over McKenzie for trial at circuit court.

Defense attorney McCann said in response that McKenzie had been threatened and Cooper brought a group of people to the apartment and disregarded the police request for a civil standby. Cooper said there was no fighting until the frying pan, but her sister said there was continuous fighting and she didn't see who struck first.

He agreed it was an issue of fact for circuit

court to decide.

Zuzow said Cooper was to call for a civil standby if she felt it was necessary and it wasn't. There was a slight bruise on McKenzie's face but no one knows how she got it, Zuzow said.

"Only one person was injured," Zuzow said, noting Cooper spent close to three weeks in the hospital and suffered a closed-head injury. She asked that the case be bound over for a trier of fact (circuit court) to consider.

Judge Oakley said he found probable cause that a crime was committed and that McKenzie may have done the crime. He said even if he throws out everything Cooper said, there is reason to bind this over.

McKenzie was due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice at 9 a.m., July 13. Her bond of \$5,000/10% which she posted was continued.

Officer in charge of the case is VBT Police Det. Ken Toney.

Nicholas Amos McDonald

Nicholas Amos McDonald, 26, waived his preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on felony charges and was scheduled to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on July 6 for his arraignment on the information.

At circuit court, however, Judge Gregory Bill adjourned the arraignment on the information until July 8 at the request of the court.

McDonald is facing charges of home invasion-2nd and larceny in a building in Sumpter Township on May 2. He is also labeled a habitual offender, which would increase any penalties.

His court-appointed attorney David Langford said McDonald is lodged and serving time on another charge through July 16. Sumpter Det. John Toth is the officer in charge and bond had been set at \$20,000/10%.

Allen Jean Crawford

Allen Jean Crawford, 28, waived his preliminary exam by video from the Wayne County Jail and was due on these charges at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on July 6.

On July 6, Judge David A. Groner dismissed all the charges and ordered return of fingerprints and arrest records.

Crawford had been charged with delivering / manufacturing non-narcotic drugs, creating / delivering a counterfeit substance (non-narcotic), police officer assault, and driving

while license suspended in the City of Belleville on March 25.

His retained attorney was Mark Brown and the officer in charge of the case was Belleville Officer Mark Wickham. Bond was set at \$5,000/10%.

On another case that was settled July 6, Crawford accepted a plea bargain and was sentenced to 12 months of probation starting July 6 after pleading guilty to a charge of delivery / manufacture - methamphetamine/ecstasy in a Feb. 2 incident, followed by a failure to appear at court. A second charge of delivery / manufacture (narcotic or cocaine)

less than 50 grams was dismissed. He is labeled a habitual offender. Crawford was credited with the 58 days he served in jail on the charges.

Robert Dale Cannon

The probable cause conference for Robert Dale Cannon, 45, on two charges of carrying a concealed weapon on Feb. 15 in VBT was delayed until July 20 so his retained attorney David Bogard can get more evidence through discovery.

Cannon is out on \$5,000 personal

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recognizance bond. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Det. Ken Toney.

Belva Lynn Jarzyna

Belva Lynn Jarzyna, 54, is facing charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended, and driver with open intoxicants in VBT on Jan. 12.

Her court-appointed attorney David Langford told Judge Oakley he believes a charge reduction is appropriate and so the probable cause conference was adjourned until July 27 when Jarzyna will appear before Judge Tina Brooks Green.

VBT Det. Toney is the officer in charge. Jarzyna is free on personal recognizance

bond of \$10,000.

Brian Keith Melvin

Brian Keith Melvin, 62, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of operating with a high blood alcohol content on Oct. 26, 2015 in VBT and he is due to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on July 13 for an arraignment on the information.

His personal recognizance bond of \$5,000 with GPS tether was continued, but Melvin was lodged at the moment on another charge.

His court-appointed attorney is Langford and the officer in charge is VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy.

Michael Sean Gartz

Michael Sean Gartz, 35, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of breaking

and entering a motor vehicle with damage to the vehicle in VBT on May 8. He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. Gartz is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on July 13. His court-appointed attorney is David Langford.

Jamie Lynn Kilburn

Jamie Lynn Kilburn, 36, waived his preliminary exam on charges of operating while intoxicated causing injuries, failure to stop at a personal injury accident, and driving while license suspended on Aug. 26, 2015 in VBT. His court-appointed attorney is Frederick Smith and the officer in charge is VBT Det. Ken Toney.

He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. He is due at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on July 13.

Rebecca Sue Helton

Rebecca Sue Helton, 30, who was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$10,000/10% bond, was due to be delivered for her scheduled preliminary exam before Judge Oakley on June 29, but the Wayne County drivers forgot to deliver her

She was facing one count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraudulent means and one charge of attempting to obtain controlled substance by fraudulent means in VBT on June 6, 2014. Officer in charge was VBT Det. Donovan McCarthy. David Langford was the court-appointed attorney.

On July 6, Helton was brought from jail to face her preliminary exam before Judge Tina Brooks Green, but attorney Langford announced that both felonies had been dismissed in return for her pleading guilty to a misdemeanor, attempted possession of analogues.

Helton told Judge Green she had gone to rehab and Alcoholics Anonymous and she's approaching the 24th month of being clean. She has a two-year-old child.

Helton said she didn't know about this charge from 2014 and Judge Green said she had seen Helton in her courtroom on other charges since then. Helton said she had been in jail almost a month. Judge Green released her on personal bond and gave her a one-year deferred sentence and fine of \$750 on the misdemeanor.

Helton also has another court date before Judge Oakley on July 19.

Det. McCarthy told Judge Green: "We know she needs some help."

Court Watching:

Two teens charged with carrying concealed weapons in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Maleke Anthony Dooley, 17, waived his preliminary exam before Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green on July 6 and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on July 20. He is facing a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on June 24 in VBT.

Co-defendant is Derrick Michael Smith, 17, also charged with carrying a concealed weapon on June 24 in VBT. VBT Det. Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the cases.

Samuel Raymond Freeman

Samuel Raymond Freeman, 29, waived his preliminary exam on charges of operating while intoxicated – 3rd, driving while license suspended – 2nd, and driving while open container on July 29, 2015 in VBT.

He was ordered to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on July 13. VBT Det. Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

Bond of \$10,000/10% was continued, but he was lodged in the Wayne County Jail facing other, similar charges and has a probable cause conference set before Judge Oakley on July 20. Judge Green said she probably will be filling in for Judge Oakley on that date. Also, she set personal bond on that as a courtesy since he already is in jail.

Wyatt Harris is his court-appointed attorney.

Jon Allen Colombo

Jon Allen Colombo, 60, was due for his probable cause conference, adjourned from June 22, on a charge of operating while intoxicated-3rd on May 10, 2015 in VBT.

His retained attorney, Elizabeth Young, asked for and was granted a six-week adjournment until Aug. 17, so they could obtain a letter she did not explain.

He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. Officer in charge is Det. Mark Buxton.

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VBT Planners

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petition the state on this.”

The developer was requesting final site plan approval so they could start demolishing the former party store on the site and begin building sometime in July. If the sidewalk stayed on their property it would jog north and enter Denton Road not on the corner of Michigan Avenue but farther north.

Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates planning consultants set out a list of stipulations for the site plan approval, but the discussion centered mostly on the sidewalk.

“We’d be happy to build the sidewalk on their property,” said Demond, adding they would need permission from the state.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim engineers suggested they just put the sidewalks on the permit they have with MDOT for curb cuts and let them approve the sidewalk.

Hodges said it is highly unlikely MDOT will develop that parcel since it is so small. She said the applicant will end up mowing the grass there, anyway, or it will be blight for the new development.

Commissioner Ronald Jackson, who works as a Transportation Maintenance Coordinator for the MDOT, said he is not speaking for MDOT, but he believes MDOT would be amicable to the proposal for sidewalks.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said she lives in that neighborhood and the Denton/Michigan Avenue crossing is dangerous. A couple of years back the state put in a Michigan-left at the corner to make it safer and people still are not turning properly there. She said having the sidewalk farther north would be a safety problem, because people will just walk on the MDOT grass to the corner, the most direct route.

Demond said the developer wants the township to approach the state and get permission.

Nummer said the township doesn’t want to be in the position of delaying the project by asking for permission from MDOT because then the developer could hold the township responsible.

“The developer puts in the request, never the township,” Commissioner Jackson said.

“Legally you can’t put it on somebody else’s property,” Demond insisted, adding they did already get permission for their driveway from MDOT.

Demond said the developers have complied with all kinds of things the township wanted and, “We’re now asking for one thing and getting no cooperation on this.”

Hodges insisted the applicant should apply to the state. She said it’s not the township’s property. It’s a separate parcel, not road right of way. She suggested the final site plan be approved subject to consulting with the township attorney on the sidewalk.

Demond said he was OK with that and, “Let the attorney decide.”

Hodges said it would be safer if the sidewalk stayed along the roadway to the corner.

“We should put the sidewalk where people would expect a sidewalk to be,” Thompson agreed.

The commission unanimously approved the final site plan after consultation with the attorney and application to the state for permission. “The sidewalk would be in the typical position -- subject to the township attorney,” Hodges said.

In other business at the June 22 meeting, the commission:

- Approved preliminary site plan approval for Farmer and Underwood to construct a 6,000-square-foot storage building and related site improvements on its 13.67 acres of property at 7401 Rawsonville Road, where they have been for 35 years. The metal building will be put on the east side of the existing building and, according to Hodges, by bringing things indoors it will clean up the site. They plan to plant 11 red Maples between the street and the site, and the commission waived the 20 additional trees that otherwise would have

been required. Nummer said no sidewalk, sewer, or water is required; and

- Approved recommending to the township board rezoning of 1.04 acres of land currently zoned AG (Agriculture) to C (General Business) on the south side of Ecorse Road, west of Hannan. The property is owned by the VBT Local Development Finance Authority, which thinks it would sell better rezoned for business in that area. The LDFA had requested rezoning



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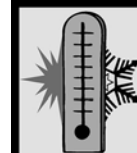
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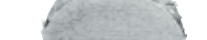
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Regular City Council Meeting Minutes June 20, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Pro Tem Loria

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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| Council Member Fielder | Present |
| Council Member Smith | Present |
| Council Member Tindall | Present |
| Mayor Pro Tem Loria | Present |
| Mayor Conley | Absent |

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

City Clerk Lisa Long was honored by Council members with a plaque presentation as she retires from the City of Belleville after more than 27 years of dedicated service. Former Council Member Kay Atkins also presented Mrs. Long with a handmade quilt.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve the agenda with the following revision: replace Item D, FY 15/16 Budget Amendments, with an amendment to roll back Belleville's millage in accordance with Wayne County's Headlee Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 6, 2016 with three minor corrections requested by Tindall.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of June 15, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Street Closing Request – Brain Street

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-071 to approve a request from

Tonya Charlesworth to close Brain Street on July 16th for a high school graduation open house from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Street Closings Request – Water Show/Fundraiser Proposal

Bradley Manley addressed the Council with his written request to close streets for a water show/fundraiser August 13-14 (5 a.m. to 12 midnight). After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Loria declared the request dead for lack of a motion/support.

C. SMART Program FY2017 Municipal Credits Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-072 to designate \$3,914 in local funds for the SMART senior/disabled transportation service for Belleville.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Amendment to Resolution 16-066 – Millage Revision per Wayne County's Headlee Schedule Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 16-073 to amend and roll back the calculation of the millage reduction fraction computation from 18.126 to 16.960 in accordance with Wayne County's Headlee Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to adopt Resolution No. 16-074 as presented to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$85,409.94.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrri Scharf

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: July 5, 2016

Published: July 14, 2016

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday July 14 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 18 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 19 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.

• Thursday, July 21 – Parents and the public are invited to offer input on what they would like to see in a new high school principal from 7-9 p.m. at the BHS cafeteria. BHS Principal Abdul Madyun has been promoted to district Human Resources Director, pending school board approval.

• Tuesday, July 26 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, July 27 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 1 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 18, 2016.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 1, 2016

Publish: July 7, 2016
July 14, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Attention All

Van Buren Charter Township

Restaurants

If you would like to participate

in

Street Eats at Quirk Park



Summer Lunch Event

Call the Clerk's office at 734.699.8900 ext. 9293

For more information

Publish: June 30, 2016; July 7, 2016, July 14, 2016, July 21, 2016

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside** concert series continues tonight with **Bugs Bedow & the Good Stuff** (rock) beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. In case of rain, the concert will take place across the street inside Belleville United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The concert is free. Free activities for the kids, courtesy of Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation will be holding its **Sumpter Family Fun Day** on Saturday, July 23, from noon to 3 p.m. at **Graham Park** at Sumpter and Wear Roads. The free event is for Sumpter families only and will feature children's activities, such as a water slide, contests, sack races, and free hotdogs, pop, and ice cream treats. The Sumpter Township Police Department will be passing out goody bags, too.

The **Belleville Tigers Youth Football & Cheer Programs**, formerly the Belleville Cougars, will be holding registration and equipment pick up on Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **WCCC Western Campus** on Haggerty Road. Conditioning begins Aug. 8 behind Owen Middle School. The football programs offered are for children, ages 6-14 years old while the cheer programs are for children ages 3-14. Visit www.bellevillecougars.com for info.

There is still a spot to golf this Saturday: **1st Annual Randy Lancaster Memorial Golf Outing** at the **Rustic Glenn Golf Course** in Saline. The cost is \$75 per person/\$300 per team. Call **Ron Held** at (734) **323-6919**. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

The **Belleville Church of God** is getting ready for its **1st Annual Belleville Car Show** on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church grounds on Hull Road just east of Sumpter Road. There will be trophies, goody bags, dash plaques, DJ, concessions, and a \$100 cash prize for People's Choice selection. Registration is free and those registering the first 25 cars get a free T-shirt. Call (734) **216-7420**.

The **Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue**, based in Sumpter Township, is holding its monthly adoption event this Saturday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Petco Pet Store** on Warren Ave. across from the mall in Westland Call (734) **461-9458**.

Next week's paper will feature the schedule for the **Wayne County Fairgrounds' Wayne County Fair** coming up Aug. 8-13. The Great Lakes Jousting group is back again this year.

Doc Fletcher to speak on canoeing, kayaking at library event July 21

At 7 p.m., Thursday, July 21, the Belleville Area District Library will host Doc Fletcher, Michigan author and outdoor enthusiast who has been featured on PBS programming. He'll be sharing stories and photographs from his latest book, "Canoeing and Kayaking Michigan College Campuses."

There will be a question and answer session after his talk, as well as opportunity to purchase his book and have it signed. One lucky attendee will win a raffle for a free canoe/kayak day trip!

Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

Public Notice Advertisement for Pizza Bid

The Van Buren Food Service Department is now accepting firm, sealed bids to provide fresh-made pizza for the 2016-17 school year. Bid specifications are available at Van Buren Public Schools Administration Office, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from Deb Evans no later than July 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. No determination of winning bid will be revealed at that time. Bids will not be accepted via oral, telephonic, email or fax.

Publish: July 7, 2016, July 14, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 2, 2016

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, August 2, 2016.

All Polling locations are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Precinct #1 | McBride Middle School | 47097 McBride |
| Precinct #2 | Wayne County Community College | 9555 Haggerty Rd. |
| Precinct #3 | Van Buren Township Hall (Board Room) | 46425 Tyler Rd. |
| Precinct #4 | Van Buren Township Hall (Gym) | 46425 Tyler Rd |
| Precinct #5 | Tyler Elementary School | 42299 Tyler Rd. |
| Precinct #6 | Belleville High | 501 W. Columbia |
| Precinct #7 | Belleville High | 501 W. Columbia |
| Precinct #8 | Haggerty Elementary School | 13770 Haggerty Rd |
| Precinct #9 | Savage Elementary School | 42975 Savage Rd |
| Precinct #10 | Owen Intermediate School | 45201 Owen St. |

All polling places are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

Candidates for the following positions and the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

PARTISAN:

CONGRESSIONAL: District Representative

LEGISLATIVE: District Representative

COUNTY: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Commissioner

NON-PARTISAN:

JUDICIAL: Circuit Court Judge(s)

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP: Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and Trustees

DELEGATE: Delegate(s) to County Convention

PROPOSALS: Proposition P- Parks Millage Continuation rollback rate of .2459 for five more years (2016-2020)

Wayne County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage-Renewal of 0.1 mill for a period of ten years beginning 2018 through 2027.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF
1964

Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

The County Treasurer's Statement:

I, Eric R. Sabree, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan do hereby certify that, as of June 6, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

| <u>Taxing Authorities</u> | <u>Date of Election</u> | Wayne County <u>Wayne County Michigan</u> | <u>Years Increases Effective</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| | | <u>Voted Increases</u> | |
| County of Wayne | November 3, 2009 | 1 mill | 2019 |
| Wayne County Jail | August 7, 2012 | 1 mill | 2021 |
| Wayne County | November 6, 2008 | 1.25 mills | 2020 |
| Community College | November 6, 2012 | 1 mill | 2022 |
| | | <u>School Districts</u> | |
| Lincoln Consolidated Schools | November, 2012 | 18 mills | 2018 (non homest) |
| | November, 2012 | .1 mills | 2018 |
| Van Buren Public School District | August, 2011 | 18 mills | 2016 (non homest) |

A sample of the ballot may be obtain at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org. Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 2, 2016 Primary Election is Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Publish: 7-14-2016

Posted: 7-6-2016

Museum on summer hours, will close for break July 23-Aug. 10

The Belleville Area Museum is on summer hours: from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and

from noon to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through Fridays.

Museum summer closure is set for July 23-Aug. 10. The museum also will be closed on Aug. 26 and from Sept. 14-17 when the AASLH/Michigan Museums Association History Conference will be

held in Detroit.

For more information call Museum Director Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 2, 2016

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the PRIMARY ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST. Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- (b) A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following Offices will be voted upon:

United States Representative in Congress

Representative in State Legislature

Prosecuting Attorney

Sheriff

County Clerk

County Treasurer

Register of Deeds

County Commissioner

Judge of Third Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent Position – Vote 3

Ballot Proposal

The Wayne County Zoological Authority was established pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008 and formed to allow for continuing zoological services for the students, residents and visitors of Wayne County. The law allows the Authority to seek authorization from the electors to levy a tax on real and personal property to provide revenue to an accredited zoological institution for this purpose. Accordingly, as a renewal of the previously approved millage authorization which expires with the 2017 tax levy, to continue providing zoological services to benefit the residents of the County, shall the 0.1 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all of the taxable property located within the County continue to be imposed for a period of ten (10) years, being years 2018 through 2027? It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage would generate approximately \$3,940,066.55 in 2018.

Proposition P

To continue the millage authorized in 2010, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2015 rollback rate of .2459 mills (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2016 through 2020) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$9,865,514 in 2016.

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WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS

| Taxing Authority | Election | Voted Increase | Year Increase Expires |
|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Van Buren Township School District | August 2011 | 18 mills | 2016 (non-homestead only) |

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the August 2, 2016 primary election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

Publish: July 14, 2016

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

GARAGE/YARD SALE

BARN SALE. 21035 Haggerty Road, between Judd & Willis. Some tools, Ridgid 10" radial saw, Ridgid band saw. Some Christmas items, Kirby vacuum cleaner, artificial plants & vines. July 7, 8 & 9 and July 14, 15 & 16, 9am-6pm 7/14

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, July 15 & 16, 9am-5pm. 276 E. Huron River Drive. Household items, linens, women's clothing, pond equipment, tools, holiday décor. 7/14

MAN SALE. Horse equipment, lots of miscellaneous. 1994 F150 Ford truck. July 15 & 16, 9am-5pm. 44823 Harris. 7/14

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LIKE NEW. 410 shotgun. New England fire arms made in USA. \$100. (734) 595-3330. 7/28

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H & W TOWING. Top \$ cash paid for junk vehicles. Free towing. (734) 223-5581 7/14

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This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



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VBT Board approves rezoning of property on Savage so family can sell

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In a 12-minute special meeting on June 28, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the second (final) reading of the rezoning of a land-locked Light Industrial parcel behind two residential parcels so the family can sell its property.

The 1.54 acres being rezoned is behind 841 Savage Road.

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stull, have lived at that address for 53 years and wanted to sell the property and move to Florida. They had a potential buyer, but the landlocked, M-1 property behind their two front Residential parcels could not be combined as is and causes trouble with financing.

Their Realtor Brad Jordan told the Planning Commission at its June 8 meeting, when Stull was too ill to attend, that the front parcels, less than a half acre, list for \$110,000-115,000, whereas all three parcels would list for between \$150,000-\$250,000.

Ron Akers, VBT director of planning and economic development, gave a presentation on the proposal to the planning commission with his recommendation to approve. The planners agreed and sent their recommendation to the board to approve the rezoning.

Commissioner Bryon Kelley asked if there is any way to expedite the rezoning for the Stulls so they can sell their home.

At the June 28 special meeting of the board, Akers was there to support the final rezoning action. No one else was in the audience.

The June 28 meeting was chaired by Trustee Phillip Hart, in the excused absences of Supervisor Linda Combs, Clerk Leon Wright, and Treasurer Sharry Budd.

During the brief meeting, two letters from the public were read praising the professional work of VBT police officers and Trustee Brenda McClanahan read a statement also praising the Public Safety Department.

VBT Parks & Rec. offers activities for kids at Music Lakeside in city

The Van Buren Township Recreation Committee decided in February to suspend its concert series for at least the 2016 season because the stage at Van Buren Park was demolished at the request of the township board, explained Jennifer Zaenglein, deputy director of VBT Parks & Recreation.

"In April, [Township Trustee] Reggie Miller, suggested that we partner with the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and its concert series since we were not hosting our own series. She contacted them and got the ball rolling," Zaenglein said.

"We have been, and will continue to have a Kid's Activity Tent at each of the concerts," she

said.

"So far, we have had themes such as fireworks, bubbles, and frogs. At each concert, kids of all ages can make 2-3 crafts, and also borrow clipboards and colored pencils so that they can color beautiful coloring sheets right where they are sitting with their families.

"We have had a lot of fun along with a lot of compliments and thank-yous for offering things for kids to do.

"It seems to make perfect sense to partner up rather than try to compete with one another, especially since BACA considers itself a tri-community organization," Zaenglein said. "We really need to work together more."

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 501 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 3:
0008 – fight, Sylvia
0309 – vehicle repossession, Lighthouse Apts.
0414 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94
Service Dr.
0828—vehicle repossession, S. Bellridge Dr., cancel
0943 – hospice, Wilson Ave.
1131 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1205 – narcotics crime, Denton Rd.
1239 – narcotics crime, Westlake Cir.
1241 – malicious destruction of property, W. Sadie Ln.
1419 – ordinance violation, Haggerty/Bridge
1448 – malicious destruction of property, Vista Dr.
1719 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1854 – larceny, Rawsonville
1918 – property damage accident, Van Buren Park
1959 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.
2118 – disorderly conduct, Bayshore Dr./Denton Rd.
2138 – fireworks, Savage
2203 – disturbance, Ashbury
2212 –fireworks, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.
2323 – abandoned auto, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
2344 – disorderly conduct, Woodbury Green pool

Monday, July 4:
0026 – assault & battery, Arborview Ln.
0041 – harassment call, Sheldon Rd.
0101 – fight, Alva Dr.
0147 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville Rd.
0157 – disorderly conduct, Jackson St.
0207 – disorderly conduct, Burger King
0318 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
0839 – larceny, Richard Run
1030 – narcotics crime, Westlake
1228 – lake complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1522 – harassment call, Bradley Dr.
1538 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
2027 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
2057 – fireworks, Morton Taylor Rd.
2120 – assault & battery, Park Estates
2213 – property damage accident, Taco Bell / Rawsonville
2235 – fireworks, Oak Ln.
2241 – fire investigation, Village Green Ln.
2247 – fireworks, Burlwood Ln.

Tuesday, July 5:
0006 – fireworks, Anna Dr./Sadie Ln.
0015 – fireworks, Bayshore Dr.
0025 – fireworks, Lighthouse Dr.
0036 – fireworks, Jackson St./Tyler Rd.
0201 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
0218 – disturbance, W. Huron River Dr./High St.
0256 – disturbance, E. Archwood Dr.
0504 – disturbance, E. Archwood Dr.
0949 – fraud, Fifth Third
1156 – disorderly conduct, Belleville
1217 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty
1300 – property damage accident, Atchinson Ford
1832 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1840 – operating while intoxicated, Michigan Ave. / Dellor Rd.
1851 – assault & battery, Alden Ave.
1911 – suicide or attempt, Huron River Dr.
1931 – juvenile complaint, Birch Dr.
1943 – sexual assault, E. Huron River Dr.
2206 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, July 6:
0738 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0756 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1058 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1354 – private property incident, Holly Ln.
1430 – malicious destruction of property, Sheldon Rd.
1504 – fraud, Daisy
1542 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1642 – water leak found, Montague Ave., cancel
1717 – harassment call, Locust Dr.
1843 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.
2256 – juvenile complaint, Hamilton St.

Thursday, July 7:
1402 – agency assist, Tyler Rd.
1438 –trespassing, Parkwood Manor
1508 – harassment call, Stamford Rd.
1514 – malicious destruction of property, Andover Dr.
1623 – assault & battery, Rawsonville
1650 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1730 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1945 – agency assist, Belleville/EB I-94
2018 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
2040 – suspicious situation, Old Farmer Jack
2053 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2127 – agency assist, Savage Rd.
2131 – malicious destruction of property, N. Bellridge Dr.
2138 – assault & battery, Gilmore St.
2310 – noise complait, Oak Ln.
2331 – vehicle repossession, Sheldon Rd.
2355 – noise complaint, Cherry
2356 – noise complaint, Aspen

Friday, July 8:
0010 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Manor
0239 – vehicle repossession, Meadows Ct.
1022 – property damage accident, WB I-94/Denton
1029 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1455 – assault & battery, Edgedale Dr.
1510 – intimidation threat, Richards Run
1518 – fraud, Purple Sage Ct.
1634 – assist citizen, I-94 WB/rest area
1712 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service/Chatsworth
1832 – dumping complaint, Ryznar Dr.
1917 – traffic hazard, Ecorse/I-275
1931 – noise complaint, Westlake Apartments
1935 – harassment call, Ormond Dr.
2026 – be on the lookout, W. Adams
2152 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Colony Ln.
2210 – fireworks, N. Bellridge Dr.

Saturday, July 9:
0100 – fireworks, Richard Run
0140 – suspicious situation, Rose Blvd.
0143 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd./Robson Rd.
0201 – missing person, S. Timberview Dr.
0210 – abandoned auto, San Carlos
1811 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1858 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.
1902 – retail fraud, Belleville
2103 – lake complaint, Belleville Lake at Rawsonville Rd.
2127 – sexual assault, S. Timberview Dr.
2131 – fire investigation, W. Huron River Dr.
2133 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2141 – fireworks, Basswood Circle
2141 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
2216 – fireworks, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
2254 – noise complaint, Meadows Ln.
2304 – fireworks, Mott/Dellor
2308 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
2327 – disorderly conduct, Parkwood
Also on this week’s log are 147 traffic stops, 40 of which were on the iI-94 and I-275 freeways and 2 in the City of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 3:
0157 – PPO violation, Loza Ln.
1023 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Madelon St.
1119 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
1119 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
1216 – PPO violation, Loza Ln.
2114 – suspicious person, Village Park
2233 – parking complaint, Oxford Ct.

Monday, July 4:
0211 – agency assist, Burger King
0841 – vehicle lock out, Estrada Dr.
1903 – parking complaint, Victorian Ct. / Victorian Ln.
1921 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
1959 – narcotics crime, Menlo Park Dr.
2136 – fireworks, Horizon Park
2203 – prisoner transport, Main St.

2239 – fireworks, Victorian Ln.
2243 – fight, Carmell St.

Tuesday, July 5:
0220 – disturbance, Light Tower
0811 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1000 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1106 – found property, Main St.
1355 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1905 – civil matter, Robbe St.
2026 – PPO violation, Loza Ln.

Wednesday, July 6:
0831 – follow up, Montague Ave.
0850 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
1027 – animal complaint, Biggs Ave.
1714 – suspicious person, E. Huron River Dr.
1732 – suspicious person, Sumpter Rd.
1816 – suspicious situation, Carmell St.
1904 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1947 – larceny, Victorian Ln.
2307 – suspicious situation, Owen School

Thursday, July 7:
0731 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
0922 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0938 – parking complaint, High St./Main St.
1146 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
1148 – harassment call, N. Liberty St.
1237 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1357 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
2024 – animal complaint, Bedell St.
2254 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, July 8:
1118 – harassment call, Main St.
1308 -- animal complaint, Victorian Commons
1355 – civil matter, J&T Towing
1359 – prisoner transport, Main St.
1649 – traffic complaint, Victoria Commons
1706 – assist fire dept., Anaheim
1919 – malicious destruction of property, Victorian Ct.

Saturday, July 9:
0240 – abandoned auto, San Carlos St./Menlo Park Dr.
1339 – juvenile complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1353 – motorist assist, Main/Savage
1543 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1704 – agency assist, Belleville
1730 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
2004 – fireworks, Biggs Ave.
2138 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate
Also on this week’s log are 61 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 3:
0209 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0419 – malicious destruction of property, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0823 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1021 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1121 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2018 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
2026 – suspicious incident, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2107 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2225 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2249 – runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Martinsville

Monday, July 4:
1220 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1221 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1757 – suspicious vehicle, Bemis/Sumpter
1827 – civil dispute, Rawsonville/Judd
1941 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
2004 – malicious destruction of property, 9800 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2015 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Wilmot
2034 – fire dept. assist, Oregon
2056 – mental health commitment, Nevada
2124 – death investigation, Rustic Ln.
2218 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2222 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville
2224 – fireworks complaint, Montana
2258 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2323 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

Tuesday, July 5:
0048 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0307 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0408 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1007 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1035 – citizen assist, Willis/Sherwood
1111 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1321 – breaking & entering report, Mulberry
1355 – suspicious person, Bemis/Rawsonville
1810 – breaking & entering report, 44000 bl. Dunn
2032 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2147 – animal complaint, Crosswinds Marsh
2235 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis

Wednesday, July 6:
0321 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0910 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz
0952 – assault, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1036 – breaking & entering report, First St.
1041 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1408 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1522 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1531 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1756 – well-being check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1830 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2023 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2051 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2329 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Wear

Thursday, July 7:
0611 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
0959 – personal injury accident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1220 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1722 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1826 – malicious destruction of property, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1917 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2112 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2134 – neighbor dispute, Carriage Ln.

Friday, July 8:
1253 – disorderly person, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1309 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1357 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1454 – suspicious incident, Oakville Waltz/Clark
1730 – alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1801 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1833 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1928 – fireworks complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2028 – suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
2057 – civil dispute, Redwood
2333 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Saturday, July 9:
0008 – noise complaint, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0534 – assist other agency, Willow/Waltz
0812 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1013 – civil dispute, Wyoming
1311 – subpoena service, E. Arizona
1458 – subpoena service, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
2033 – assist other agency, out of township
2056 – suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2232 – fireworks complaint, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2308 – fireworks complaint, Bontekoe/Fenster
Also on this week’s log are 18 follow-up investigations, 38 miscellaneous details, 133 patrol checks, and 25 traffic stops.

Person injured by fireworks on Fourth of July in Sumpter Twp.

At 10:18 p.m. Monday, July 4, Huron Valley Ambulance transported one person in critical condition from the 19000 block of Martinsville Road in Sumpter Township to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke said the injury was from a fireworks accident and HVA was already loading the person into the ambulance when his officers arrived. He said the accident occurred on the grounds of the motorcycle club.

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Lions Club thanks all for help with raffles

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Lions Club would like to thank everyone who attended the Belleville Strawberry Festival held June 17-19. We would also like to thank

the wonderful folks at Trinity Episcopal Church for the hospitality along with the ability to set up our booth at this event.

We would like to present the winners of our raffles held during the festival. The winners are as follows:

- The big tire bike – John Williams
- Detroit Tigers pair of tickets – Don Polzin
- The Lady's Gift Basket – Hazel McDonald
- The Children's Gift Basket – Christi Jewell

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- The ratchet set – Laura Tonkovich
- The Car Wash Bucket – Christi Jewell

And, we thank our sponsors: our local NAPA store, Al Haidous, Martha Hanoian, Barb Watson, LeAnna Dickerson, Joanne Manning, and the anonymous donor of the big tire bike.

We met a great deal of nice folks and a whole lot of old friends during the festival. On behalf of all of our members that could donate their time on this hot week end,

thank you very much we look forward to our next fun-raiser.

All donations that you give go directly back to the community to help those in need. When you see the White Cane, please give generously because need has no boundaries.

Sincerely,
Lion Sarah McDonald, chairperson
Strawberry Festival Fund Raiser

Belleville planners set public hearing July 14 on new sign ordinance

The Belleville Planning Commission has been working on details of the city Sign Ordinance for months and now it's ready for a public hearing.

At its regular meeting June 9, the commission voted unanimously to accept the ordinance as stated and set a public hearing for its next meeting, 7:30 p.m., July 14.

"We've spent quite a bit of time on this," said Commission Chairman Steve Jones.

The commissioners said they were comfortable with the 14-pages of definitions and sign standards and so they took the next step and set the hearing.

Building Official Rick Rutherford said he was satisfied with the changes, especially on incidental signs and window coverage of 35% allowed.

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